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Message of the Great Incohonee

Fellow members of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas:

It is again my pleasure to address you through the medium of our Red Men Magazine. I consider this to be a very happy privilege and a pleasure to be able to address the membership of our Order in this manner and particularly am I pleased to express the "thanks" and appreciation of Mrs. Heringer and myself for the hospitality and many privileges extended to us during our trailings through part of the eastern area of this Great Council of the United States.

During these trailings it was, indeed, a pleasure to meet and discuss with many members of our Order the problems facing our country and our Order as well. From my observation obtained through these meetings I know that there is much life and activity remaining in the many facets of our Order.

From my observations also I am at a loss to understand why the Order isn't forging ahead like wild fire.

While all the meetings we attended were interesting and inspiring there was one which has seriously troubled me ever since that meeting.

I know that from time to time some of our tribes have been asked to present an Indian pageant in connection with some local civic affair.

Some of our tribes, in their over zealous effort to participate in their civic endeavors, have presented some of the ritualistic ceremonies of the Order. This is in direct conflict with the laws of our Order. Your special attention is called to the first paragraph of the pledge of honor which every member assumes at the time of his adoption. The violation of this pledge is an offense against the Order. (See Section 7-1.01 of the General Laws).

The Sachem of each tribe is reminded that this procedure is in violation of the pledge he assumed when he was raised to his chieftancy. It is also a violation of the pledge that the Great Sachem assumes with his associate Great Chiefs when he was raised.

The remarks of my wife, Pearl, following the observation of this open presentation of our adoption ceremony seems most appropriate. Her remarks were "I now have seen the adoption degree of the Improved Order of Red Men tribal branch as well as part of the secret work and now if I can get someone to give me the rest of the secret work I can work my way into a tribal meeting."

There is no question but what our ritualistic work is most beautiful and it is hoped that some member will produce a playlet or pageant that can be presented in public thus enabling these tribes to participate in these local civic activities.

We commend these tribes for their efforts to promote and publicize the Order but we must insist that the laws of the fraternity and the pledges we have assumed be strictly adhered to.

In closing may I take this opportunity to express the wish of a Happy New Year to all the members of our Order whither-so-ever dispersed around this Great Reservation.

Yours in F.F. & C.

L. W. Heringer

Larry W. Heringer,
Great Incohonee

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READ AS YOU RUN

P.G.S. Earle C. Robinson of the Reservation of New York enters retirement at the age of 62 after a long siege of illness (Best of luck Earle) . . . Tau Tribe No. 18 of Washington, N. C. recently hosted a highly successful District meeting of Red Men and Pocahontas at their Wigwam . . . Red Men's Day in Alexandria, Virginia will be held on October 21st of this year . . . We mourn with the Reservation of Maryland the passing of P.G.S. Robert Blair and P.G.P. and Past Pres. of the D. of P. National League Margaret Swanner . . . P.G.I. John L. Howley on a Caribbean Cruise taking a well deserved rest . . . Our sympathy and condolences to P.G.S. Leo Sawyko of the Reservation of New York, whose Wife Margaret passed away on Dec. 7th after an illness of several years . . . P.S. Joe Merris won the honors of Ohio's Red Man of the Year . . . P.G.S. John Ward Cross vacationing in Hawaii (how lucky) . . . P.G.I. Jimmy Archer recuperating after surgery . . . We mourn with the Reservation of Virginia the passing of P.G.S. Willie Dean and our deepest sympathy to his wife Esther, who is the Great Pocahontas of Kentucky . . . P.G.S. Theodore Swanner (a 50 yr. member) retired on Dec 31st . . . Indiana will hold a C.O.P.D. meeting on April 2 at Indianapolis . . . Pennsylvania (Tribal) will hold its next C.O.P.D. meeting on Feb. 25th . . . P.G.S. Carl Windholtz and his lovely wife spending the cold winter days in Florida . . . The combined Reservations of New England will hold their "Hail To The Sunrise" at Charlemont, Massachusetts on Sept 9th . . . Maryland presenting our Official History to the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore on Feb. 6th . . . The Records of the Buffalo session have been printed and distributed. Additional copies may be secured upon request . . . We mourn with Kentucky, the death of P.G.S. Reverend Charlie Evans and offer condolences to his loved ones.

OUR LARGEST TRIBE

CONOCOCHEAGUE TRIBE No. 84 of Williamsport, Maryland continues to remain our largest Tribe. This Tribe showed a gain of 38 members the past Great Sun and now boasts a membership of 909 members. This Tribe has grown every year for the past 12 and is a leader in all community and civic activities. In Williamsport, it is a MUST that every male is a Red Man.

President D. of P. National League

We are herewith printing excerpts from the acceptance speech of Sister Pauline Hurd, President of the D. of P. National League. This will be her message to the members of our fraternity.

"as time moves on, in a few short hours it will be my duty and profound privilege to assume the responsibilities of President of the Degree of Pocahontas National League and to serve as co-laborer with Brother Larry Heringer who will be elevated to the chieftaincy of Great Incohonee.

The page will have been turned, and before us will loom a white, unspotted sheet upon which to record our works and deeds. As we accept the challenge of leadership which comes with such high honors, we do so with deep humility and the burning desire to be of service to our fellowmen. Will YOU join us in a concentrated effort and with full cooperation to carry through our national program?

First, let us each and every one, pledge to ourselves and to our Tribes and Councils that we will become Torch Bearers. Not to be Torch Bearers just to receive a certificate, but to become a Torch Bearer with the satisfaction that we have done something for the good of our Order. Not to become Torch Bearers because we might gain recognition for ourselves as individuals, but that our Order might be recognized throughout our land. Let us become Torch Bearers by becoming a regular, dedicated volunteer worker in our Order, who will bring in members, help to inform and train new members by inspiring them with the true teachings of the cardinal principles of our Order. To raise the quality of our Leadership as well as hold fast to that which we now have in all subordinate Tribes and Councils and Great Councils.

We should remind you that as the Great Council of the United States and the National League goes, so should the various units of our Order. If you cast your vote for the programs as set forth by your Great Chiefs, then follow through by giving of your energies in the promotion of these various programs. A leader can only accomplish what the membership desires and is willing to share in. What will be your share? Will YOU help us to serve you better as we each bear our part of the load, and when the term is finished, to share in the harvest of a job well done. We will depend upon YOU for assistance and guidance and we sincerely hope that our trust will be honored.

(s) Pauline Hurd, President
Degree of Pocahontas Nat. League

H. J. RESOLUTION 1248

The bill presented by Congressman Frank Horton of New York State, calling upon the Congress of the United States to proclaim a National Improved Order of Red Men Week was gratefully endorsed by our own Great Council in Session at Buffalo, New York in September, 1966.

However, the House Judiciary Committee took no action on this bill, and thus the measure died with the expiration of the 89th Congress.

This measure, if adopted, would have brought much honor and prestige to our Order. An honor that we rightfully deserve as America's oldest patriotic Order. Let's hope that this measure will be reintroduced in the 90th Congress. If it is, let's all get behind this measure by writing to our Congressman and Senators and urging its passage.

1968 GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

The 1968 Great Council Sessions will be held in the city of Richmond, Virginia September 22 through 27, 1968. Headquarters will be at the John Marshall Hotel. An active committee is already in operation spearheaded by P.G.S. John Owens as Chairman and P.G.P. Elizabeth Corbell as Co-Chairman. This committee will issue their first preliminary bulletin soon and will keep you informed by bulletin as their program develops. This will be the first G.C. sessions which Past Sachems will be able to attend. This came about by an amendment to the by-laws at the sessions in Buffalo and will permit any Past Sachem to attend the sessions after the opening ceremonies have been concluded, when they will be admitted and allowed to sit in a separate section. We will keep you informed of all Great Council developments in future issues of this magazine.

HALL OF PATRIOTS

"To preserve the Liberty of our country ought to be our only emulation, and he will be the best soldier and the best patriot, who contributes most to this glorious work . . . ."

Gen. George Washington — Aug. 1, 1775

Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania was founded in 1949 with a goal to build a shrine to Freedom and individual Liberty. In dedicating himself to the principles of Freedoms Foundation, former President of the United States and General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "The mission of Freedoms Foundation is the perpetuation undamaged of all the values and aspects of human liberty, particularly in America. This is one of the noblest efforts to which any American can dedicate himself, and I deem it an honor and privilege to join the members of the Freedoms Foundation in the furthering of this work, and in enlisting increasing numbers of citizens so to dedicate themselves".

We, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas, the oldest patriotic fraternity in America, are justly proud that we have enlisted in the cause to Preserve the American Way of Life. At the Philadelphia Great Council Sessions (1964) we committed our manpower and our resources to the Freedoms Foundation program by pledging the sum of seventy thousand dollars to build the Hall of Patriots building. It was felt that this best could be accomplished by voluntary contributions rather than an assessment. Therefore a plan was set up whereby each and every member was asked to contribute just one dollar and each and every Tribe and Council was asked to make a 100% contribution.

From the start our contributions lagged, although some Tribes and Councils responded generously. Some have contributed 200, 300 percent and even more. One Tribe has contributed in excess of one thousand percent. The generosity of all this was offset by the failure of many of our membership to support this program by their contribution. Our pledge to reach our goal by July 1, 1966 fell far short of its goal, in fact, we had raised only twenty thousand dollars by that time. In September 1966 at the Great Council Sessions in Buffalo, New York, Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation, who was the principal speaker at the banquet, so enthused the membership in attendance, that a unanimous decision was reached by all the delegates to authorize the Board of Great Chiefs to sign a firm commitment for a completion of this project by May 1, 1967.

Our building is now under construction and Dedication is set for Saturday, April 29, 1967 at 2:00 p.m. Your entire Board of Great Chiefs will be on hand and it is hoped that 10,000 members of our Order will witness the dedication. P.G.I. John L. Howley, national director of this program, will be the master of ceremonies. The program for this dedication is tentative at this time but many dignitaries will be on hand. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the U. S. Senate and Chaplain at the Foundation, will be the principal theological speaker. The three principal faiths will be represented by his eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman of the Roman Catholic Church; Bishop Fred P. Corson of the Worldwide Methodist church organization, representing the Protestant faiths; and by Rabbi Charles E. Shulman, head of the Jewish faith of the City of New York, representing the Jewish faith. A color guard will be provided and a band to supply patriotic music. We hope to inform you of the complete program as soon as it is finalized but we can assure you it will be inspirational and inspiring and a fitting culmination to the most ambitious program that our Order has ever undertaken.

Yes, our building is well under construction, and the dedication has been set. But we still face one critical problem, that of the lagging contributions to meet our commitment. Remember, this is YOUR Program, and its success depends on you, the individual member of this Order. We are not going to this dedication with a financial obligation over our head. We are going to this dedication with our pledge fulfilled. We are proud of our Order, we are proud of the part we are taking in preserving our American Heritage. Since our founding (1765) the Red Men and Pocahontas have never been found wanting, so lets close out this program in a blaze of glory with our commitment met and Our Building a perpetual monument to our Order and a source of publicity and promotion that should be beneficial for many years to come.

Make your plans NOW to attend this dedication on April 29, 1967 at 2:00 p. m. Make sure your Tribe and Council has contributed 100% and if humanly possible, make another contribution to help us reach our goal. This is a Grass Roots Program that reaches out and embraces every one of our members as well as every Tribe and Council. Get your name, or your Tribe or Council on the Honor Roll. All contributions are welcome, send in what you have, even though it is not a 100% contribution. These contributions are tax deductible.

Mark down the date; April 29, 1967. Plan to attend, get up a bus trip, let's make this a banner day, one long to remember, as our Order takes a step forward in our program to build our Order to its rightful place among the fraternal societies of America. If you need additional information, contact P.G.I. John L. Howley, P. O. Box 366, Rosemont, Pennsylvania 19010.

WHERE DOES YOUR STATE STAND IN THE HALL OF PATRIOTS?

Tribal

State	Number Members	Amount Contributed
1. Pennsylvania	5,031	$3,252.00
2. New York	3,183	2,263.00
3. California	3,699	2,134.00
4. Indiana	2,896	2,114.00
5. Connecticut	2,422	1,860.00
6. Delaware	507	1,281.00
7. Jurisdiction	355	1,190.00
8. Maryland	2,638	994.00
9. Texas	1,556	717.00
10. West Virginia	763	672.00
11. Virginia	1,978	551.00
12. Ohio	1,372	514.00
13. New Jersey	1,637	486.00
14. Colorado	532	372.00
15. Massachusetts	2,426	365.00
16. Maine	714	292.00
17. Rhode Island	358	157.00
18. Minnesota	1,288	150.00
19. Iowa	501	141.00
20. Illinois		134.00
21. South Carolina	505	111.00
22. Kansas		104.00
23. North Carolina	3,396	82.00
24. Washington	274	56.00
25. New Hampshire	206	16.00
26. Kentucky	735	12.00
27. Georgia	505	1.00
28. Wisconsin	454	0.00

Degree Of Pocahontas

State	Number Members	Amount Contributed
1. California	8,043	$3,568.00
2. Pennsylvania	2,552	1,603.00
3. New Jersey	2,698	1,452.00
4. New York	2,716	1,184.00
5. Ohio	2,344	883.00
6. Indiana	2,389	776.00
7. Maryland	1,066	693.00
8. Virginia	1,883	597.00
9. Connecticut	1,723	582.00
10. Massachusetts	2,371	327.00
11. North Carolina	1,331	325.00
12. Minnesota	569	305.00
13. Florida	506	283.00
14. Colorado	481	253.00
15. Maine	1,108	240.00
16. West Virginia	528	239.00
17. Texas	454	170.00
18. Illinois	901	149.00
19. Iowa	822	136.00
20. Delaware	365	130.00
21. New Hampshire	468	111.00
22. Rhode Island	246	102.00
23. Jurisdiction	84	92.00
24. Kansas	299	65.00
25. Washington	693	51.00
26. Missouri	207	4.00
27. Montana	195	2.00
28. South Carolina	202	0.00
29. Wisconsin	202	0.00
30. Georgia	25	0.00

Hall Of Patriots Honor Roll

Lenni Lennappi Tribe No. 12—New Jersey
Deepwater Council No. 81—West Virginia
Sewanhaka Council No. 303—New York
Silver Arrow Council No. 286—New York
Tacoma Tribe No. 204—New Jersey
Wissinoming Council No. 17—Pennsylvania
Blazing Star Council No. 279—New York
Red Hawk Tribe No. 55—Pennsylvania
Agamenticus Council No. 65—Maine
Calumet Tribe No. 58—West Virginia
Arresseoh Tribe No. 1—New Jersey
State Orphans Board—Delaware
Blazing Arrow Council No. 178—California
Sago Council No. 32—Ohio
Alleta Council No. 26—New Jersey
Past Great Sachems and
Elected Great Chiefs Association—Indiana
Iroquois Tribe No. 590—New York
Uppowoc Tribe No. 47—Pennsylvania
Ioka Council No. 30—California
Silverstream Council No. 18—Virginia
Pecong Council No. 136—Indiana
Tus-Ka-Willa Council No. 198—New York
White Stone Tribe No. 286—Pennsylvania
Pawnee Council No. 130—California
Chaska Tribe No. 346—Indiana
Mocoponaca Tribe No. 149—California
Samoset Tribe No. 22—California
Oneida Council No. 47—North Carolina
Little Bear Tribe No. 46—Delaware
Yonah Council No. 15—Delaware
Oshawnee Tribe No. 22—Indiana
Montour Tribe No. 188—Pennsylvania

SUPERSCRIBERS

Thlinket Tribe No. 4	Alaska	1450%
First District Association	Del., Md., N. J., Pa.	400%
Tecumseh Tribe No. 108	Maryland	400%
Mosholu Tribe No. 523	New York	300%
Chequaga Tribe No. 201	New York	200%
O-Ne-To Council No. 47	New York	200%
Silver Moon Council No. 15	Virginia	200%
Seminole Tribe No. 35	Virginia	200%
Matooka Council No. 75	Ohio	200%
Oneactah Tribe No. 104	New York	200%
Hiro Council No. 13	Pennsylvania	200%

DEGREE WORK

We hereby salute another of our well-tried Degree Teams. Osceola Tribe No. 43 of Cincinnati, Ohio boasts a well trained Degree Team captained by P.G.S. Carl Windholtz who also takes the part of the Sachem in the degree work. This splendid team performs over a Tri-State area of Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia. During 1966 this team traveled many thousand miles conferring the Adoption Degree on Palefaces. They are always ready to go but as traveling expenses run high at this time, they insist that before an invitation is accepted, a class of twenty-five or more palefaces must be guaranteed. Brother Windholtz says "To have an active Tribe, you must have action and a Degree Team is a form of activity that puts life into a Tribe and has helped Osceola's growth."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In this column we will endeavor to answer your questions concerning our Order, laws, programs, or questions of general interest.

(1) Who was the first Great Incohonee and when was he elected?

(2) How is the year G.S.D. ascertained and just what does G.S.D. mean?

(3) Is it true that any Past Sachem can attend the Great Council of the U. S.?

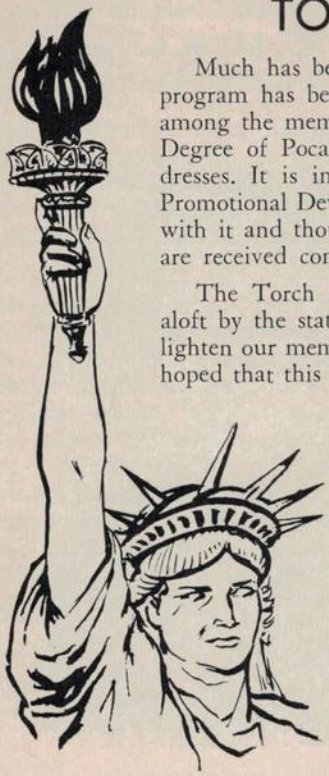
(4) What are the duties of a Reservations Committee on Promotional Development?

(5) What was the largest membership our Order ever boasted of?

(6) What is the minimum number of members a Tribe must maintain to hold its charter?

(Answers on Page 10)

TORCH BEARER PROGRAM



Much has been said and written about the Torch Bearer Program. This program has been made available to you in pamphlet form for distribution among the membership. Both the Great Incohonee and the President of the Degree of Pocahontas National League endorsed it in their acceptance addresses. It is included in the workings of the Reservation Committees on Promotional Development. It has the approval of all that have come in contact with it and thousands of these pamphlets have been distributed and requests are received continuously for additional supplies.

The Torch Bearer Program uses as its symbol, the glowing torch held aloft by the statue of liberty. This torch should be the symbol that will enlighten our membership to a new era of self education and improvement. It is hoped that this program will motivate our membership towards self improvement and a gradual upgrading of the leadership of our fraternity through a better knowledge and understanding of what our Order is, what it stands for, and what our purposes are.

It is a known fact that we can and do secure new members. It is also a known fact that we cannot hold these members after we adopt them. The prime reason for this is the lack of training given to these new members and the lack of any planned program to keep them interested.

This is what we hoped to do through our Torch Bearer Program. Train our existing membership and give them a better understanding and a renewed interest in our Order. Make available to the new member, a basic, self training program that will lead to accomplishment, the rank of Torch Bearer.

Through this program, we hoped to Gain NEW members, motivate our existing members through better understanding and a spirit of accomplishment, and to materially reduce Suspensions. This Torch Bearer Program, through voluntary training, will give us a better informed membership, inspired by our patriotic founding, proud of their affiliation and inspired to do a better job of selling our Order to a paleface.

Are you working on this program and including it in your training programs? Do you need additional pamphlets? Do you need more information? Have you any suggestions to offer? Why not write and tell us what results you are having with this program? Are YOU a Torch Bearer?

WE SALUTE THE EDITORS

Again in this issue we select several bulletins at random as representative of the many that are being published. As space does not permit us to mention all these splendid bulletins being published, may this blanket commendation suffice to say our "THANKS" for a job well done.

Hoosier Smoke Signals published monthly by Irwin Brown, Great Chief of Records of Indiana is a splendid example of contact with the membership and promotion of all the programs of the Great Council of the United States.

The Tar Heel Indian is another monthly bulletin edited by W. E. Yopp, Great Chief of Records of North Carolina and lists Reservation activities as well as a Tribal and Council directory.

Wisps of Smoke is a monthly bulletin of Red Jacket Tribe No. 28 of Sacramento, California (our Great Incohonee's Tribe) and is edited by P.G.S. Manuel Petrali. This lists all Tribal activities as well as the activities and happenings in the Reservation of California.

Congratulations to these Editors and to all Editors who are doing so much to promote our Order.

MEMBERS IN SERVICE

We are justly proud of our members serving our country. Our Order has always been well represented in the armed forces of our nation and during World War 1, over 30,000 of our members answered the call to arms, this being the greatest number supplied by any fraternity.

During these modern times, members of the Degree of Pocahontas serve their country just as valiantly as do the members of the Improved Order of Red Men.

We consider it a privilege to salute herein Pvt. Mary Frances Hoyne, a member of Leni Lenape Council No. 244 of Massapequa Park, New York. Mary entered the WACS on September 9, 1966, took her basic training at Fort McClellan, Alabama and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston and is taking nurse training.

Mary is the daughter of a Red Man family. Her mother is Mary E. Hoyne who is a Past Pocahontas and Keeper of Records of Leni Lenape Council and a Deputy Great Pocahontas. Her father is Herbert G. Hoyne, Sr., a Past Sachem, Chief of Records of Leni Lenape Tribe No. 48 and is also a Deputy Great Sachem.

"Thanks Mary Hoyne for brightening our magazine and carrying on the traditions of our Order".

PROCEDURE FOR SUSPENSION AND/OR REVOCATION OF CHARTERS

Chapter 5, Article 4 of the Constitution and General Laws of the Great Council of the United States sets forth the procedure to be followed for the suspension and revocation of charters of the Great Councils or subordinate branches thereof.

A suspension or revocation for neglecting or refusing to make due returns and reports, and the payment of per capita taxes, as required by law under Section 5-4.01 (d) takes effect immediately without further notice or hearing —in all other cases a charter shall not be revoked until due notice of the violation has been served upon the offender and an opportunity afforded to answer thereto, except that under Section 5-4.04 a Great Sachem of a Great Council may suspend the charter for a violation under that section pending a hearing.

See Chapter 5, Article 4 (pages 42-43) of the Constitution and General Laws for additional procedure, and also Sections 7-1.24 thru 7-1.28.

NEW TRIBES

New Tribes and Councils are always a welcome addition to our fraternal roster and we are happy to state that the Reservation of Texas still leads the way in the institution of new units. Ko-Ko-Ma Tribe No. 23 was instituted on December 10th at Wichita Falls, Texas with forty members. Hawk Eye Tribe No. 27 was instituted on December 17th at Gladewater, Texas with 46 Charter Members. Charter petitions are now in circulation at Winnie, Port Arthur and Corpus Christi. These new Tribes were instituted through the efforts of the Texas Committee on Promotional Development, an able committee spearheaded by P.G.S. Henry I. McGee.

The Great Council of New Hampshire instituted a New Tribe at Nashua on December 10th with 39 members on the charter. This is the first new Tribe instituted there in more than fifteen years.

"Congratulations to these New Tribes and to all those responsible for their institution."

In Memoriam

MARGARET C. SWANNER

Margaret C. Swanner, P.G.P. and Past President of the Degree of Pocahontas National League answered the call of the Great Spirit on January 8, 1967 after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, Past Great Sachem Theodore I. Swanner, a son William M. Swanner and a daughter Margaret Freund, both whom are members of the Order. Also by fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

To list here the accomplishments of Sister Margaret Swanner would take up every page of this magazine. Margaret was born November 18, 1898 and spent all her adult years as a member of the Degree of Pocahontas and received her fifty year certificate last year.

She dedicated herself to our Order and her every move and action exemplified the cardinal precepts of our Order; Freedom, Friendship and Charity. She received all the honors that a fraternity could bestow and she justly deserved everyone of them. Always ready, willing and able to work for the progress and advancement of our Order, she traveled into many Reservations, making friends that lasted throughout her lifetime.

This gracious, lovely lady has made her final journey to the land of Ponemah. She leaves behind her a legacy of devotion, ability and friendship, and a memory that will be cherished by many. Beloved by all who knew her, Margaret leaves behind a challenge; that we shall strive to build anew this great fraternity to its rightful place in the society of today. This is our duty, our obligation, so that those who have died after serving our Order for a lifetime, will not have died in vain.

Our condolences to Past Great Sachem Theodore I. Swanner and the family of Margaret Swanner, their loss is our loss too.

LITERATURE

Literature and pamphlets published by the Committee on Promotional Development are constantly being revised and are available in reasonable quantities. Great Chief of Records Carl R. Lemke states that he is receiving many requests from outside of our own organization for information and literature concerning our Order. Recent requests have been received from Indonesia, Japan, The Library of Congress, Phillipine Islands and others. We hope this is a good sign and that the name of the Improved Order of Red Men is beginning to be known in the paleface world.

MONON TRIBE NO. 489

Monon Tribe No. 489 of Rochester, New York has been making plans for nearly a year for a gala celebration to celebrate their 50th anniversary on May 6, 1967. The affair will be held at the Rochester Red Men's Club and it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand for the festivities. Monon Tribe was formed by the consolidation of five Tribes and have four charter members with more than fifty years as a member of the Order. P.S. Fred Dearling is Chief of Records of this progressive Tribe; David Pasquale is the Sachem.

LONGEVITY

Mocoponaca Tribe No. 149 of Chester, Pennsylvania recently held a gala occasion to Raise their Chiefs and to honor four fifty-year members.

The picture herein shows from left to right: Edward L. Keyser, Sr., Great Senior Sagamore of the Great Council of the United States who made the presentations; P.S. Frederick Drew; Bro. William W. Hill; Past Sachem J. Howard Hill, Sr.; and Bro. Clarence Y. Zearfoss. Brother William Kimber on the far right is a fifty-four year member. Mocoponaca Tribe has ten fifty-year members with Bro. Charles E. Morton boasting of 62 years as a member.

Brother William W. Hill shown here receiving his 50 year certificate, was raised the same night to the chieftaincy of Junior Sagamore of the Tribe, his first time as a chief of the Tribe where he has been a member for so long.

Relatives, members and friends jammed the meeting hall for this gala occasion. After the official functions, an evening of refreshments and fellowship followed.

> "We salute all these gallant 50-year members who have devoted so many years of their lives to the advancement of our Order."

KENTUCKY

P.G.S. Lon Robertson reports that the Reservation of Kentucky (Tribal) has instituted a membership campaign in honor of the late and beloved Past Great Sachem Ivan Craggs. The prime purpose of this campaign is to increase the membership in Kentucky above the 1,500 mark and thus gain for them a second Great Representative to the Great Council of the United States.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Answers to Questions on Page 6)

(1) William G. Gorsuch was the first Great Incohonee, although at that time he was known as the Grand Sachem Incohonee. He was elected to that chieftaincy in March 1847.

(2) G.S.D. means Great Sun of Discovery and just how to ascertain it is explained in rituals and general laws. On page 70 of the general laws, it states (To ascertain the present Great Sun of Discovery, substract 1491 from the common era, which will give it 1965 — 1491 = 474, G.S.D.)

(3) This was answered in the last magazine. YES, any Past Sachem can attend future sessions of the Great Council of the United States. The general laws were amended at Buffalo to permit this. Sec. 1-3.5 was added to permit Past Sachems to attend the G.C.U.S. and sit in a separate section, after the secret opening ceremonies are concluded, as visitors, without a voice or vote.

(4) A C.O.P.D. Training Manual is available that explains in detail the duties of a Reservation Committee on Promotional Development.

(5) Our records show that we had 519,943 members during the year 1921.

(6) Here again we refer you to the General Laws Sec. 6-1.05, and we quote: A subordinate branch shall never consist of less than seven members and shall kindle its council fire at least once a moon, except Tribes consisting of members-at-large, who shall meet at least once each three moons.

THLINKET TRIBE NO. 4—ALASKA

Thlinket Tribe No. 4 of Ketchikan, Alaska, although one of our small Tribes numerically, is without a doubt, one of our biggest Tribes, action-wise. With a membership of only 70, this Tribe has contributed in excess of one thousand dollars to the Hall of Patriots. This makes them the largest contributor, percentage wise of any Tribe or Council. Thlinket Tribe annually sponsors an Americanism Program with valuable prizes. They own their own wigwam and have an active program that is a credit to our Order. C. R. Hendricks is Chief of Records and spearheads the many activities of this active Tribe.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

Spring is just around the corner and this is the time when more cars take to the roads, traffic increases, and so do accidents and fatalities. As traffic increases, jams develop, tempers flare, and the resulting discourtesies add to the traffic toll.

If all drivers would practice courtesy on the highway, traffic officials feel that highway accidents and deaths would be materially reduced. Therefore, our HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM for the next quarter will use the theme "HIGHWAY COURTESY IS CONTAGIOUS" A Courteous Driver Is A Safe Driver.

We feel certain that you are all familiar with our own Highway Safety Program. Our theme is printed on attractive 2 color 11 x 14 posters. Across the bottom of each card is printed the name of our Order. Therefore each poster that you place or distribute becomes a silent salesman for our Order. The next issue of our posters are available Now and should be distributed beginning March 1.

These posters are FREE to you in reasonable quantities. Why not order a supply Now. Have your own Tribal or Council Highway Safety Committee open your campaign by presenting one of the posters to your Governor, Mayor, Law Enforcement Agency and the local Papers and Radio and TV Stations. You will be surprised at the amount of publicity that you will receive and the respect and prestige you will gain in your community. Send your request for posters to your own Reservations Committee on Promotional Development, and if not available there, order directly from Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R., Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those wonderful friends who sent flowers, mass cards, and messages of sympathy during my recent bereavement. Margaret and I have always loved this Order and the friends we have made and the good times we have had, shall always remain as pleasant and joyful memories. Please accept the grateful THANKS of myself and family for your kind remembrances and thoughtfulness.

Theodore I. Swanner, Past Great Sachem

CHARITY

Dennis Woolard, Trustee of Tau Tribe No. 18 of Washington, North Carolina is shown presenting a check for $100.00 to Dr. Raymond Alexander to help defray expenses of the Bible Course taught at Washington High School.

This progressive Tribe works in many charitable activities and endeavors in the North Carolina region and are especially noted for their activities towards North Carolina's Retarded Children program.

"Hats Off" to this Tribe that believes and practices our cardinal principle, Charity.

VIRGINIA

Fleetwood Tribe No. 8 of Newport News, Virginia has just held its first meeting in its brand new Wigwam that was built primarily by its own members. The commercial value of this building is approximately sixty thousand dollars but through the cooperative efforts of the membership, the final cost of this beautiful Wigwam was nearly halved. Dedication ceremonies will be scheduled in the near future.

The Reservations of Virginia, both Tribal and Degree, recently held another of their highly successful C.O.P.D. meetings with more than 200 members in attendance at the seminar and banquet. Fifteen palefaces were adopted as part of the meeting and we have a report that several palefaces there placed their applications. G.C.R. Stanley Armistead and P.G.P. Elizabeth Corbell co-chairman the joint Reservation C.O.P.D.

Where there is an active Reservation C.O.P.D., look for an increase in Membership. Don't let us down Virginia.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

ALBERT P. STAINTON
California

Most of you who were in the Order at the time, remember our SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM. This program was actually in the form of an essay contest in which the Youth of America competed for the five $1,000 scholarships that our Order awarded annually.

The continual regression of our Order and the resulting financial losses made the abandonment of this program mandatory. It was felt that our Scholarship Awards Program would help the deserving youth of America, improve our public image and give us overall a feeling of accomplishment. Since the abandonment of this program, much speculation has taken place as to the merits of this program in relation to the future of the recipients. We have often wondered what effect our award had on the recipient. Did they go to college? Did they become a success? Did any of them ever join our Order in latter days?

We have picked at random one of the award winners. He is Albert P. Stainton, and he was one of five award winners in 1954. The citation accompanying this award read as follows: Albert P. Stainton, 18, of 1429 Oakhurst St., San Carlos, California, earned the distinction of being placed at the head of 1954's group of five $1,000 scholarships. Albert will graduate in June from Serra High School, San Mateo, after which he will enter San Francisco University and thereafter Stanford and Columbia Universities in pursuit of a career as a writer; a career for which a firm foundation has already been laid by graduation from St. Joseph's Military Academy, Belmont; followed by a tour of the United States and Europe before entering Serra High School.

We will quote just the last paragraph of Albert's winning essay:

> "And today democracy stands at the bank of a churning flood of challenge, and We, the people, must arch that flood by a revival of faith in representative government. And what better way can we do this than by bringing men to an appreciation of its seven great blessings, Unity, Justice, Domestic tranquility, International security, General welfare, and principally the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity".

The above will give you a brief insight into the quality of the Youth that our Awards Program attracted. We only hope that our award had some reflection on this young man's life. We sincerely hope that he has attained all his basic goals in life, and now at the ripe age of 30 years, is reaping some of the benefits.

CHALLENGE . . . We, your editors of this magazine would like to challenge someone in California to follow through on this story by beginning with the name, address, and year in which this story begins. Locate the young man in question, get a brief outline of his accomplishments since his award, etc. We will print this follow-up in the next issue as we are sure that our readers would like to know the results of this too.

CANCER CRUSADE

The month of April has been designated CANCER CRUSADE Month and again this year we are urging our membership to support the American Cancer Society Crusade. Some 580,000 cases of cancer will be diagnosed this year. Only one-third of the patients will probably be saved, against a potential saving of one-half. The American Cancer Society needs funds to continue its efforts to reach those who might have been saved had proper treatment been received in time. CHARITY, one of our cardinal precepts can be enhanced by your support of the American Cancer Society. This is a noble cause and merits the support and endorsement of our fraternity.

OUR FRATERNAL ORDERS

In the years gone by, the Fraternal Order was the backbone of any established community and our own Order flourished then. The Fraternal Order was the source of many benefits not available otherwise. They distributed sick benefits that would feed the family in event of sickness. They distributed death benefits that would bury the dead. They had orphan benefits that would take care of the orphan. They were the source of the community social and civic activity. In those days, the Fraternal Order was a necessity and to belong was a mark of distinction.

In today's modern times, the picture has changed. With the advent of World War I, millions of men joined the services and most of these joined one of the many veterans organizations that sprang up after the war. Many of these organizations were subsidized by the government. Churches branched out with many types of service groups and organizations that competed with the fraternal societies. Insurance companies branched out into all forms of policies that paid more benefits than the fraternal orders. Then the labor unions came into their own. Millions joined their ranks, many forced to do so to get or maintain their jobs. Service and civic organizations came into their own also, along with hundreds of smaller groups dedicated to one purpose or another. All of the above has depleted the ranks of the established Fraternal Orders. Today, there is a highly competitive attitude among all the above for members.

Let's see how the membership of some of the better known organizations fare today. The Association of the Junior Leagues of America; 211 leagues and about 100,000 members. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; 2,050 lodges and 1,361,000 members. Civitan International; 1,150 clubs and 35,000 members. Fraternal Order of Eagles; 1,558 clubs and over 850,000 members. General Federation of Women's Clubs; 15,000 clubs and 800,000 members. Kiwanis International; 5,396 clubs and 270,000 members. Lions International; 19,919 clubs and 778,700 members. Loyal Order of Moose; 2,107 lodges and 865,000 members. Optimist International; 2,400 clubs and 235,000 members. The Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas; 1,400 Tribes and Councils with less than 80,000 members.

The above is only a partial list but you can see where our own Fraternal Order stands. Our regression is prevalent every year. Is this the year when our regression stops? Is this the year when our renewed growth begins! The answer lies in YOUR hands. What will it be?

COMMITTEE ON PROMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Your National Committee on Promotional Development has endeavored to work on a Reservation level with all Reservations. This magazine is published and subsidized from the funds of this committee. Many pieces of literature are printed and made available to you as well as Highway Safety Posters. A Training Manual has been printed to assist the Reservations to better work their own programs. Assistance has been given the various Reservations by a financial subvention. In the very near future, P.G.I. William Farrenkopf, Chairman of this committee, will take to the field with a new type of training program in the hopes of stimulating the advancement of our Order.

Every effort has been made and will be made to work with the individual Reservations in the stimulation of the Order in their area. Nothing can be accomplished without the help of the individual Great Sachems, Great Pocahontases and their appointed C.O.P.D.'s. All material mentioned above is available to you in reasonable quantities from the propagation office, P. O. Box 683, Waco, Texas. Don't hesitate to write to the Chairman for direct information. He is P.G.I. William Farrenkopf, 4 Edna Court, Kentfield, California 94904.

OUR REPORTERS

This magazine is only possible through the cooperation of our readers. Those who send us information acceptable for publication, we call our REPORTERS. We gratefully Thank the following, who have become our Reporters for this issue: John L. Howley, Gladys Wynne, Harry Lynch, John Pisecco, C. R. Handricks, Carl Windholtz, James Archer, Herbert J. Hoyne, Sr., Leo Sawyko, S. LeRoy French, Henry I. McGee, Carl R. Lemke, Larry Heringer, Pauline Hurd, Robert G. Moore, Jr., and we thank those Editors of the various bulletins from which we have borrowed items or news.

EDITORIAL

Let's Tear Down Our Fences

Many problems confront our fraternity today. Some of these problems we have no control over. Some of these problems are of our own making. I feel that one of the major problems that we face is the fences that we have built or allowed to be built within our fraternity. Many a Reservation is divided with two or more factions pulling in opposite directions. Many a Tribe or Council has the same problems. Quite often it is an older member who cannot accept new ideas, who hangs on to a vestige of power. Frequently the fence is actually a mythical area designation whereby a Reservation has been divided into two or more areas with each working desperately to advance their own area and the heck with the rest. Many groups and factions within our Order have erected a fence around themselves, thus limiting their activities.

It is nice to belong to a group and to see this group successful, but no matter how successful, if our Order does not advance, each and every one of us has failed.

LET'S TEAR DOWN OUR FENCES. If there is a Fence in your Tribe or Council, don't be part of it. If there is a Fence in your Reservation, help to tear it down. UNITY is our sole hope. Our Tribes must be united, our Councils must be united, our Reservations must be united, and both branches of our Order must be united as One. One in Hope, One in Aim, One in Prosperity.

With our FENCES torn down, our horizons will be broadened. We will each be able to see and understand the other's problems and help them to overcome same. In UNITY, we can broaden our present manpower, work for the common cause and help advance our Order. You may be building a FENCE by refusing to endorse a program of the Order. You may be building a Fence by refusing to cooperate with an elected Chief.

Our ORDER is in desperate condition today. We need the cooperation of Every member. We need UNITY and HARMONY above all. This can be best accomplished by Tearing Down Our Fences and uniting our entire membership into one. Let's adopt as our slogan "REDMANSHIP SHALL KNOW NO BOUNDARIES".

Edward L. Keyser, Sr., G.S.S.

MIDWEST PAST GREAT SACHEM'S ASSOCIATION

The 1967 Mid-West Past Great Sachem's Association will hold their annual meeting at the Sahara Motel, 3201 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio on May 5, 6 and 7, 1967. The secretary of the association reports that the arrangements at this Motel are excellent, is located conventiently to downtown Cleveland. He states that the program is not complete at this time but they will have a hospitality room, a banquet and entertainment. All members are urged to attend this annual meeting and help to work for the betterment and advancement of our Order.

ROAD SIGNS

Has your Tribe ordered and placed the attractive metal Road Signs now available. These attractive road signs are 28 inches in diameter, made of metal, red and yellow with black lettering, with the yellow reflectorized. Holes are drilled for easy mounting. The estimated life of these signs are ten years or more.

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YOUR GREAT CHIEFS

The Great Chiefs of the Great Council of the United States have been elected by the democratic principle of a representative vote. They were elected to serve you and your best interests. You will find their names and addresses on page 2 of this magazine listed under the Board of Directors. For your Great Chiefs are the Board of Directors of this magazine. Remember, they were elected to serve you so don't hesitate to contact them in regards to any problems that confront you, your Tribe, or your Council.

ADVERTISING

This magazine is now set up to accept advertising and the rates are published on page two in this issue. Why not see if you can get an ad? Either a commercial ad or Tribal, Council, or personal ads are acceptable.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Christmas Card Program for 1966 is now over. However, we cannot wrap-up this program until all returns are in. So if you have not sent in your payment for the cards or returned the cards, please do either at once. The results of this program were disappointing again this year. We had hoped for more support with the resulting profit helping to alleviate our financial burden. To YOU who supported this program, please accept the grateful THANKS of your Great Chiefs.

OUR FLAG

A Salute To Your Flag Is A Salute To Your Country. Our Order, steeped in its patriotic heritage should lead the way in having the FLAG flying over America. So don't forget the coming Flag Holidays, especially Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday and Memorial Day. Be proud to fly Your Flag and urge your Tribe or Council to take part in all patriotic activities.

ZIP CODES

After January 1st, 1967 Zip Codes are mandatory on all 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class mail. Make sure YOUR Zip Code is included on all your mailings so that the mail will be delivered. Failure in getting some of your mail might be the absence of this all-important zip number.

MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Members attending the Hall of Patriots dedication ceremonies may secure motel accommodations, near Valley Forge, at the George Washington Motel, on Route 23, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. The rates are single $11.55, doubles $14.70, twins $16.80. Make your reservations direct to the Motel.

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HAMMONASSETT TRIBE NO. 1

The first Tribe in Connecticut, Hammonassett Tribe No. 1, observed their 80th Anniversary with a Dinner-Dance at Villa Capri in Wallingford, on December 3rd, 1966 . . . . Six months after organization the charter was closed with an enviable roster of 538 members, and has never been equalled in the start of a new Tribe, anywhere in the 50 States.

DEGREE OF HIAWATHA

Every member of the three branches of our Order in Massachusetts who trailed to Mansfield, on November 20th (and there were about 80 of them) witnessed as fine a Memorial Service as they had seen in many great suns. The Great Chiefs of the Degree of Hiawatha held a graveside Memory service, honoring the memory of Great Trustee Ronald A. Szabo who was a victim of a gruesome tragedy two years ago.

The entire elected Board of Great Chiefs of the Improved Order of Red Men were in attendance, as well as four of the members of the Improved Order of Red Men Degree of Hiawatha Committee. The ceremony was conducted by the Great Sachem of the Degree of Hiawatha Robert LePage of Rockland and his Board. It was not a long rite, but it was sincere, dignified, and appropriate. After the visit to the graveside, all returned to the wigwam of Okammakamesitt Tribe No. 140, for a committee meeting of the Adult Degree of Hiawatha Committee.

The stone on the grave of Great Trustee Ronald Szabo is unique, in that it is believed to be the only one in the world inscribed with the symbol and precept of the Degree of Hiawatha, "AS THE ARROW — STRAIGHT AND TRUE."

The boys of the various Councils, who were present, presented a picture of what is right with our American youth. They were well behaved, polite, and appeared dedicated to their precepts. When these boys can conduct this kind of a tribute to a departed Great Chief, it opens the eyes of the adult members to the fact that indeed, these lads can be the real Red Men of tomorrow, if we will give them our advice and moral support, guiding them into maturity with respect for the law, love of their Flag, and a determination to preserve all that is good in our Nation.